

LPD Case Number: C3-112091

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CR 24-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT  
OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF  
WHATSAPP LLC  
1 META WAY  
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

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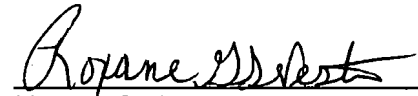
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DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEBRASKA     )  
  )  
  )     ss.  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER    )

The undersigned states that he received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 19th day of December, 2023, and that he executed the same on the 22nd day of January, 2024, by seizing the property described in the Inventory filed herein and by delivering a copy of the Search Warrant for the said property at the place from which the property is taken.

  
Jon Rennerfeldt

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.

  
Notary Public





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INVENTORY

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STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
                                  )  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER )     ss.


INVENTORY OF PROPERTY  
SEIZED BY VIRTUE OF THE  
SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED HEREIN

Jon Rennerfeldt, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says the following is an inventory of the property seized by virtue of the Search Warrant issued herein:

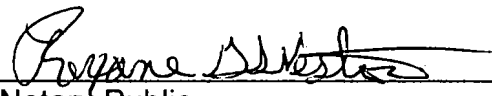
The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from WhatsApp LLC – 1 Meta Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025:

- 2 PDF
- 2 HTML files
- 2 Text files

Inventory made in the presence of Chris Fields.

  
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Jon Rennerfeldt

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024

  
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Notary Public



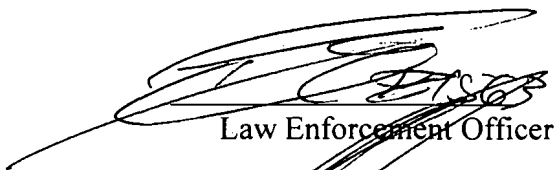
RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from WhatsApp LLC – 1 Meta Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025:

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DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024.

  
Law Enforcement Officer

  
WITNESS

**IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**STATE OF NEBRASKA** )  
 ) **ss. SEARCH WARRANT**  
**COUNTY OF LANCASTER** )

LANCASTER COUNTY  
2024 JAN 23 PM 3:48  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

TO: Jon Rennerfeldt, an Investigator with the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Jon Rennerfeldt has filed an Affidavit before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, and said written Affidavit, having been duly considered, the court finds that the facts set forth in said Affidavit are true, and that those facts do constitute grounds and probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant.

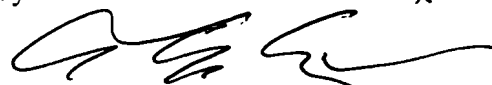
Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-2,108, the Court finds that the records which are the subject of this search warrant are material and relevant to a legitimate law enforcement ongoing investigation. WhatsApp LLC is ordered NOT to notify any other person of the existence of this search warrant, including the user of the account, or release any information related to this search warrant, as there is reason to believe that notification or other disclosure would impede this ongoing investigation or otherwise cause an adverse result, as defined by law. This notice or disclosure restriction shall be for a period not to exceed 90 days.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to search the places(s) listed in Attachment A to seize the listed property, as well as search the property for the digital evidence listed in Attachment B.

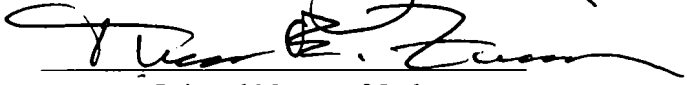
Service Provider shall send the information electronically via email at [lpd1563@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:lpd1563@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov) or to Investigator Jon Rennerfeldt #1563 at the Lincoln Police Department, 575 S 10th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508.

This search warrant shall be executed and returned within ten (10) days to a Clerk of the Lancaster District Court, Nebraska. In the event records are not received from the Service Provider within ten (10) days, your Affiant requests authorization to returned the search warrant within ten (10) days of receipt of the records.

Given under my hand and seal this 15 day of December 2023.



Judge of the County Court



Printed Name of Judge

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Property to Be Searched**

This warrant is directed to WhatsApp LLC – 1 Meta Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Service via (WhatsApp LLC) Law Enforcement Request System (LERS) on-line at <https://www.whatsapp.com/records/login>.

This warrant applies to records associated with specific email addresses 5215629816401@s.whatsapp.net and 14024329480@s.whatsapp.net.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Particular Things to be Seized**

To the extent that the information described in Attachment A is within the possession, custody, or control of WhatsApp LLC regardless of whether such information is located within or outside of the United States, including any messages, records, files, logs, or information that have been deleted but are still available, or have been preserved.

WhatsApp LLC is requested to disclose the following records for each identifier listed in Attachment A for the time frame of December 18, 2023, at 0000 hours CST to December 18, 2023 at 0800 hours CST, specifically for the following items:

1. All contact and personal identifying information, including full name, usernames, screen names, user identification number, birth date, gender, contact e-mail addresses, WhatsApp passwords, WhatsApp security questions and answers, physical address (including city, state, and zip code), telephone numbers, and other personal identifiers;
2. Additional WhatsApp accounts that were registered to the email address and/or phone number(s) utilized to establish the account;
3. All Accounts associated by device or cookie: to include User ID, subscriber name, cellphone number and email address;
4. All devices(s) used and otherwise associated with the subscriber's account – ESN, ICCID, IMSI, IMEI numbers and MAC addresses, along with activation dates when such devices were used to access the account;
5. Records of session times and durations, and the temporarily assigned network addresses (such as Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses) associated with those sessions;
6. Records of user activity for each connection made to or from the account, including log files; messaging logs; the date, time, length, and method of connections; data transfer volume; user names; and source and destination Internet Protocol addresses;
7. Information about each communication sent or received by the account, including the date and time of the communication, the method of communication, and the source and destination of the communication (such as source and destination email addresses, IP addresses, and telephone numbers);
8. All photos and videos uploaded by that user and any associated metadata [camera make, model, capture date and time, capture latitude and longitude, etc.] and original sized image associated with those images and videos;
9. All records pertaining to communications between WhatsApp and any person regarding the user or the user's WhatsApp account, including contacts with support services and records of actions taken.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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LANCASTER COUNTY

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss. AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER )

Jon Rennerfeldt, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and states that he is an Investigator for the Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. AFFIANT states he is currently involved in the investigation of a Burglary, Statute 28-507, occurring on December 18, 2023, at 1101 Arapahoe Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska. AFFIANT has reviewed case reports regarding this investigation prepared by other involved Law Enforcement Officers.

Affiant's Background

Your affiant has been a police officer for the Lincoln Police Department since 2006. Since 2006, Affiant has been investigating misdemeanor and felony crimes with the Lincoln Police Department to include homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, weapon offences, narcotics, sexual assault, human trafficking, child enticement, and pornography. Your Affiant has training and experience in conducting criminal investigations.

This Affidavit is submitted in support of a search warrant. Since this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a search warrant, your Affiant not set forth every fact known to me regarding this investigation. The statements contained in this Affidavit are based in part on the investigation that your Affiant has conducted, and information provided to your Affiant by other law enforcement officers verbally, and through written reports.

Case Facts

On December 18, 2023, at 0653 hours, Officers with the Lincoln Police Department were detailed to a burglary in-progress at the O'Reilly's Auto Part store, located at 1101 Arapahoe Street Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The caller, Beth Rohr (DOB 08/29/1991), reported there was a white male with long hair wearing blue shirt and jeans, inside the store. Beth added that this male had a hammer and "a lot of cash with him". Upon arrival, Officer Ripley #1509 met Beth at the front door of the business. She stated the suspect was still inside the store in a back office. Officers gave loud verbal commands from the front door and eventually the suspect, Lane Duncan (DOB 06/14/1998), exited from behind the counter area. He was placed under arrest at that time.



Lane agreed to an interview after waving his Miranda Rights, and during that interview Officer Fowler #1975 learned from Lane why this event occurred. Lane stated while working the front desk at the Travel Lodge, he received a phone call from a male claiming to be the manager of the hotel and O'Reilly's Auto Parts, which is next door to the Travel Lodge. The male on the phone told Lane he needed money to pay for a delivery that was supposed to be at the store shortly. The male voice instructed Lane to find cash from inside the Travel Lodge, but he was unable to find any. He stated the male voice then told him to get money from O'Reilly's but found that it was locked. Lane stated the male on the phone told him to get into the store using whatever means he could, so Lane grabbed a hammer from the hotel and broke open the entry door. Once inside he gained access to several cash registers and admitted to damaging a filing cabinet.

Lane said this all started with a phone call he received from his boss and during that call he was told to download WhatsApp. After downloading WhatsApp, Lane used the account 14024329480@s.whatsapp.net and had a 1 hour and 31-minute call on WhatsApp with 5215629816401@s.whatsapp.net. Lane said male also told Lane to send money via CashApp using the Bitcoin function. Lane did this and was told the \$80 he sent was not enough and he needed to get more money for the delivery. This is when Lane retrieved a hammer from a toolbox at Travel Lodge and went to O'Reilly's where he smashed the door and went inside. Once inside he opened the cash registers and found \$180 in the registers. He was still in the office of O'Reilly's and on the WhatsApp call when Beth arrived.

Officer Ripley #1509 spoke with Beth who stated she arrived at work and entered through a backdoor. As she approached her office, she could hear voices. When she looked into the office, she saw Lane sitting at her desk with a stack of money in front of him and a hammer near him. She stated Lane was talking to a male voice on the phone, and that male told Lane not to talk to Beth, but to listen to the male voice. Beth stated she left the office and called 911, but not before she saw Lane hang-up the phone and begin to shake and cry. She heard him say something about committing a crime. Beth added that a filing cabinet in the office had also been pried on. It was determined \$180 had been taken from the cash drawers. The \$180 was found by officers lying on the counter where Beth had observed Lane sitting. Several sets of keys had been removed from the file cabinet inside the office as well. A hammer was also recovered next to the money. It appears this hammer was used to break the glass door and pry on and enter the filing cabinet.

### WhatsApp Specific Facts

WhatsApp is a United States company that provides an Internet-based multimedia messaging service, WhatsApp Messenger, via a cross-platform smartphone application that permits users to send and receive messages and calls. WhatsApp also permits users of its smartphone application to access their WhatsApp account via a desktop or laptop computer.

The smartphone-based WhatsApp Messenger allows users to exchange text messages, audio messages, video messages, and files such as documents and photos with other WhatsApp users. It also permits users to engage in real-time voice and video calls and to set up and participate in group chats. Messages and calls sent through WhatsApp Messenger are transmitted over the Internet via WhatsApp servers located in the United States. A user may use a cellular provider's data network or another data connection (such as a home wireless router or a public wireless hotspot) to which the user's device is connect to and send messages via WhatsApp Messenger.

Users of WhatsApp Messenger can also access their WhatsApp account via a computer using a desktop application or via an Internet browser. The computer-based WhatsApp service offers similar functionality to the smartphone-based application, including the ability to send and receive text messages, video messages, and files such as photos.

Each WhatsApp account has a unique account identifier in the form of the telephone number of the mobile phone upon which the user has installed the WhatsApp Messenger application. These phone numbers are used by WhatsApp users to identify the intended recipient of the messages that they send as well as the sender of messages that they receive. These telephone numbers, which also function as WhatsApp account identifiers, can be recorded and can be used to identify parties to a communication.

Your Affiant knows that people communicate with each other through the WhatsApp application, including sending messages and posting on their wall or other persons' walls. In addition, other data collected by WhatsApp can also lead to the account user's location, such as IP addresses used by the account holder to log in their account. In the event that this account is not the only account maintained by the account holder, the information contained within this account can lead to other accounts and/or other devices used by those maintaining the requested accounts.

Your Affiant requests authorization to search for and seize the listed items in Attachments A and B, hereby attached and incorporated by reference.

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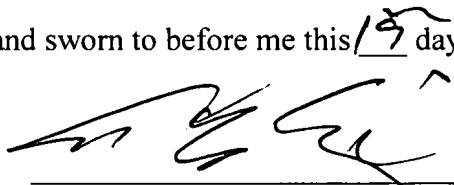
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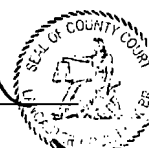
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Jon Rennerfeldt AFFIANT

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